

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment submitted on 11/08/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 14 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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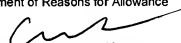
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, specifically U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0046404 to O'Neill et al. (O'Neill) and U.S. Patent No. 7,099,681 to O'Neill (O'Neill681), does not expressly teach or render obvious the invention as recited in independent claims 7, 14 and 20.

The prior art teaches a system for session initiation protocol communications on a server [p. 3, paragraph 0047 of O'Neill], setting a time period [col. 11, line 62 – col. 12, line 28 of O'Neill681] for terminating support for session initiation protocol communications on said server [col. 11, lines 47 – 63 of O'Neill681], sending a service unavailable message [p. 5, paragraph 0064 of O'Neill] to the client [p. 5 paragraph 0064 of O'Neill], in response said client providing support for communications with a different server [p. 2, paragraph 0022 of O'Neill], the server maintaining support [col. 20, lines 42 – 60 of O'Neill681], until no later than the expiration of said time period for terminating support [col. 16, lines 27 – 63 of O'Neill681], for uncompleted session initiation protocol invites accepted by said server [col. 11, lines 20 – 32 of O'Neill681] before sending said service unavailable message to said client [col. 16, lines 27 – 63 of O'Neill681], and terminating support for session initiation protocol communications on said server [p. 3, paragraph 0048 of O'Neill]. However, the prior art does not teach a server informing the client of the time period for terminating support together with the service unavailable

message and the client deleting the server from a list of stream control transmission protocol associations until expiration of the time period for terminating support.

In addition, it is not believed to have been within the level of one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify or integrate the system of the prior art to incorporate the features of a server informing the client of the time period for terminating support together with the service unavailable message and the client deleting the server from a list of stream control transmission protocol associations until expiration of the time period for terminating support as recited in the context of claims 7, 14 and 20.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Li B. Zhen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3768. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on 571-272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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